(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Lithotripsy ma chine has already been installed in All India Institute of Medical Scien ces, New Delhi. It is functional and is under the period of trial. It could not be used earlier as at the time of its installation, it was observed that the existing air-conditioning facility was not suffi cient for the hot weather. The additional air-conditioning has been provided and the Department of Urology has tested the disintegration of stcne on a dummy and also conducted a successful trial on a patient whose stone disintegrated completely and the urinary tract was totally cleared of all gravel in about three weeks' time, indicating the efficacy of the machine.

Upgradation of Post Offices in Orissa

34. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade some Post Offices in Orissa and to appoint additional staff in some subrPost Offices, where the work load has been increasing ;

(b) if so, whether any Branch Post Office or Sub-Office has been identified for upgradation in that State ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMU-NICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections in Calcutta

35. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the number of telephone connections in Calcutta and its suburbs as on the 31st December, 1988 ; and

(b) the number of telephones currently in order and of those which were out of order, as on the 31st December, 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMU-NICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The number of telephone connectiens working in Calcutta and its suburbs as on 31st December, 1988 were 2,22,215.

(b) The number of telephones working in order as on 31st December, 1988 were 2,12,246 and those not in working order (faulty) were 9,969 only.

Death of People during Recent Strike by Doctors

36. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's at-tention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in 'the Indian Express' dated the 1st June, 1989 regarding the death of some persons during the recent strike by Junior doctors becuase of the negligence in referring them to nephrologists who were not on strike and who refused to attend the;critical patients in the Safdarjung Hospital ;

(b) if so, whether any such cases of negligence and refusal to